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VHSV (Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia
Virus)

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Dear Sir:

Declaration by Niels Lorenzen, Ph.D.

I, Niels Lorenzen hereby declare:

1. I am a coinventor of the above-referenced patent application.

2. In addition to the experiments set forth in the above-referenced patent application in fish, we have also ^{prepared (*)} inserted a gene construct encoding a single-chain antibody to a toxin ^{and tested it (*)} in mice. The insert gene construct was very similar to that used in the experiments described in the above-referenced patent application with the antibody gene being inserted downstream of a CMV promoter. The plasmid was delivered to the mice routinely via intramuscular injection followed by electroporation such as described at page 7,

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lines 20 through 25 of the above-referenced patent application. A delay or inhibition of the toxic effect of the toxin was observed when the mice were later exposed to the toxin.

I further hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or by imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing there upon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Date: September 3, 2004


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